

When he left in the Spring of this year it was his intention not to return, but he thought it most unbecomingly to leave it to the members of the Civil Service who had spent a great part of their life in the Colony left it with the same intention, they almost invariably returned in spite of its having such a bad reputation for unhealthiness, they seemed to have a special place in their hearts for Hongkong. He then contacted the section who were coming to Hongkong at the present time of the year with that people were most likely having at home. He felt sure that the same support as had been given him in former years by the officers when he had the honor of remaining in command, and concluded by wishing them all a Merry Xmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

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After dinner, at which Sergt. W. Roberts presided, dancing was engaged for several hours. The committee in charge of the arrangements were Sergt. Roberts, President of the Mass. Detective Sergt. McIver, and Constables Watson, McDonald, Young and Christie.

Boxing Day was this year observed much more generally as a holiday than has been the custom here.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

FIELD DAY AT KOWLOON.

The Hongkong Volunteers had their usual Boxing Day outing yesterday, when they went to Kowloon for field firing. The corps was under the command of Captain McCallum, Acting Commandant, and the other officers present during the day were Captain Hawkins, B.A. (Adjutant), Lieut. Holmes, Lieut. Denison and Sergeant Cantlie. The idea of the day's operations was with a four-gun mountain battery and a sufficient number of riflemen to show a shooting line, to carry out an attack on a position such as might be taken up in a hill country, having on the preliminary manoeuvre and deployment and the actual assault. The position to be thus attacked was the wooded knoll between the Association and Military targets. The corps formed the battery of four guns, and a number of the riflemen were sent to the knoll to be taken up by the riflemen. The riflemen were sent to the knoll to be taken up by the riflemen. The riflemen were sent to the knoll to be taken up by the riflemen.

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the havoc made by the rifle. However, considering what we did at the long range, we may call things even. It is about six to one and half a dozen to the other. I must say we are all very much obliged to Sergeant-Major Meredith and the other members for coming out with us today. They have given up their holiday, and only say that I shall be very glad to see them join us again next year. (Applause.) I have now, gentlemen, only to thank you all for turning out today, and to wish every one of you a very happy New Year. (Cheers.)

Sergeant-Major Meredith proposed the health of the Officers of the Corps. To make these few days the success they always were entitled a great deal of work on the officers, and he thought they all owed a great deal to them, and particularly Captain McCallum, for the way in which they carried out that work.

The health of the officers was then drunk with musical honours.

Captain McCallum returned thanks on behalf of himself and brother officers, and proposed the health of the Garrison Shooting Club, coupling with it the name of Sergeant-Major Meredith.

Sergeant-Major Meredith, in replying, said he and the other members had only been too happy, when the rehearsal of the field day was first mentioned to them, to be the first to say "yes" to it. He thanked the Volunteers, on behalf of himself and the other members, for the kind manner in which they had entertained them, and he hoped that this would not be the last time they would meet in the same manner.

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story of the pantomime is of course the "Grand Transformation Scene" representing the four seasons, which was greeted last night with successive cheers and round after round of applause. For the harlequinade the conventions, street scene, and in this instance to represent a scene of the Queen's Road of the future. It shows the orthodox butcher's and barber's shops, the latter being dignified by the name of "Campbell, Moore and Co." The pantomime with which the performance was intended to conclude was not a success, and it is hardly to be wondered at seeing that it was a quarter past twelve when the curtain fell.

Of the principal performers it may be said that they all seem excellent, and we congratulate them on their success.

Mr. Robertson as Morgana, a girl with a very curdial complexion. She looked a charming heroine and played with good success. Her song "The time has come" which, by the way, is not a very good one, was well received.

A strikingly beautiful complexion and might be said to be the most beautiful of the night. Her voice, which was a pleasing sympathetic quality, was afterwards heard to much better advantage.

Of the favourable impression Mr. Robertson made there could be no doubt. The A.D.C. on making a valuable acquisition. Mrs. Fraser Smith was entirely successful as Mrs. Casanova, and in the love scene with Sloppe, she acted very cleverly and successfully.

The songs of Sloppe, performed by Messrs. Lightwood and Sloppe respectively, and Miss White as the "Good Genius of Hongkong" was a charming fairy. Mr. Lightwood was quite at home in the part of Sloppe, and showed no signs of nervousness.

His make-up was highly effective, and his appearance as a "well" after his discovery of the treasure cave was quite staggering. His song "When you come to think of it" quite brought down the house, and his performance was well received.

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THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the Shareholders at the Third Ordinary Yearly Meeting to be held at the Office of the Company, 31 Stanley Street, Hongkong, on Monday, the 30th December, 1899, at 3 o'clock p.m.:

The Directors have the pleasure to lay before the Shareholders a statement of the Company's accounts for the year ended 30th November, 1899.

The net profit for the year, after writing off \$3,207.33 for depreciation, is \$4,373.89, which is carried to Profit and Loss Account in further reduction of the losses upon the first year's working.

During the current year the Capital of the Company was increased to \$50,000, which is carried to Profit and Loss Account in further reduction of the losses upon the first year's working.

The extensions and improvements then contemplated are now being carried out, and the produce of the Farm continues to give satisfaction.

Director—Dr. Patrick Manson on his departure from China resigned his seat at the Board.

Mr. Granville Sharp and Mr. J. D. Humphreys retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

Auditor—The annexed accounts have been audited by Mr. A. S. G. Wise, in place of Mr. S. J. Gower who has left the Colony.

GRANVILLE SHARP, Chairman.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1899.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT TO 30TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

Assets.

Cash in hand, \$10,561.80

Fixed Deposits with Hongkong and Shanghai Banking

